

things, we talked about our experiences as young teenagers. We talked about what we were going through in school, the cruel words that others may have presented to us or the new student who had come to class and who was not being well received or someone whose family was ill or had a tremendous tragedy. We talked about these things as we created this village, and then we realized, through those Bible teachings and through those stories that we, too, were living that word—hopefully—and learning how better to live that word in our teenage years and in our adult years.

Without question, for me, the Bible is the most profound book in life, and there is no doubt that its lessons shape the type of person I am; the type of person I strive to become each and every day, working hard to do my best; the type of parent I want as an example for my children as they grow up and they learn these stories; and the type of Senator I want to be to help lead this country.

It is no secret to any of us that the Members of this incredible body are very blessed and fortunate in so many different ways. But what does that mean, exactly, and particularly to those who are scholars of Bible? I am not a Bible scholar, I wish I were, but I do look to the Bible for that guidance and as a part of my faith, as the Senator from Delaware said, it is a light. It is a lamp unto my feet. But the Bible teaches me: To whom much is given, much is required. If you look around throughout this body and realize how blessed we truly are, our devotion to public service, hopefully, comes from a desire to live by the types of teachings that the Bible gives us and that is to help the least among us. It doesn't just teach us to clothe those who are naked. It doesn't just teach us to feed those who are hungry. Those are the important parts. But I never shall forget a lesson I learned in person working in a soup kitchen in downtown Washington, cleaning up tables after we, our Bible study group, had served a breakfast, which we did on a monthly basis. I was cleaning up those tables and moving to what was the next thing in life, which was heading off to work, there was a man sitting at the last table and, as I began to break it down, I asked him:

Are you still hungry? Is there something more that you would like?

No, just 10 minutes of your time. Could you just please sit and visit with me for 10 minutes?

I realized it was not just the nourishment that he needed. He needed his soul to be fed as well.

If I think about all of the most important teachings in the Bible, I think about how important it is for us to nourish one another, Democrats to nourish Republicans and Republicans to nourish Democrats; how important it is in this body that we feed one another's souls with the kind of loving care that we are taught about in the Bible.

As a Senator, I thoroughly believe that government can be a weapon of good, if we adhere to and follow the basic message of the Bible's teaching of love. I think that is, without a doubt, the most clear message that comes there—love, care, and respect for our fellow man.

Perhaps my favorite Bible lesson proclaims: Let us not love in word but in deed and in truth. In an environment that gets way too political, and so often it does, it is so incredibly important for all of us to look to that lesson.

I thank you, Mr. President, and especially thank my colleagues, for coming here to recognize what an important role the Bible does play in so many of our lives and what a wonderful opportunity it gives us to nourish each other's soul on a daily basis.

I yield to the Senator from Delaware.

Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, how much time do we have on our 20 minutes?

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator has 55 seconds.

Mr. REID. Will the Senator yield for a unanimous consent request?

Mr. CARPER. Of course.

UNANIMOUS-CONSENT AGREEMENT—H.R. 5384

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding the unanimous consent for consideration of the United States-India legislation, that during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 16, the Senate proceed to consideration of the Agriculture appropriations bill, at a time to be determined by the majority leader after consultation with the Democratic leader; provided further that following the statements of the Chairman and ranking member, Senator CONRAD be recognized in order to offer a first-degree amendment.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection? The Senator from North Dakota is recognized.

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, reserving the right to object, I shall not object. Senator CONRAD is not on the floor. I am certain this will be acceptable to him. His amendment will modify the disaster aid amendment that was put in the Senate appropriations bill in the Senate committee. I wish to be recognized following Senator CONRAD's statement on this introduction, to be part of that discussion.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. FRIST. What this means is, to clarify, in a few minutes we will be going to the United States-India legislation. At some point over the course of the day, following getting on that bill, the amendments in that bill, we will have the opportunity to proceed to the Ag bill.

Let me restate our intentions to complete the United States-India legislation either today or tomorrow. We

will complete that legislation. We have a whole list of amendments that were by unanimous consent listed. I think we can condense those amendments down on that legislation. We will be able to do that, I believe. If we do that, we should be able to address all those amendments and have that legislation completed.

I urge all of our colleagues to keep their statements fairly brief on that legislation. Let's get to the amendment process in order to complete that bill tonight so that we will not have to be back tomorrow.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Delaware.

Mr. CARPER. How much time do we have?

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Delaware has a minute remaining in morning business.

SHOWING FAITH BY DEEDS

Mr. CARPER. Let me close by saying a special thanks to my friend from Arkansas, BLANCHE LINCOLN, and to our colleague, NORM COLEMAN from Minnesota, for talking with us for a few minutes today about their faith. One of my favorite verses of Scripture comes out of the little Book of James, near the end of the New Testament, where we read: Show me your faith by your words and I will show you my faith by my deeds.

The most important thing is not how high we jump up in church but what we do when our feet hit the ground, and our feet hit the ground here every day of the week at about 9:30.

As we go forward, none of us is perfect. All of us make mistakes—God knows I do. But I would just remind us all it is important not just to talk about our faith but that we try to show our faith by our deeds.

Having said that, I yield the floor. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. MURKOWSKI). The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. DORGAN. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be dispensed with.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. DORGAN. Madam President, at some point today following the debate with respect to the India security agreement, we will by unanimous consent have an opportunity to have the agriculture appropriations bill on the floor. My colleague Senator CONRAD will offer an amendment to that bill which will amend a provision that I added to the bill in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

My colleague Senator BURNS and I added a farm disaster amendment. My colleague Senator CONRAD has been working on an amendment that will expand that to include the 2007 disaster